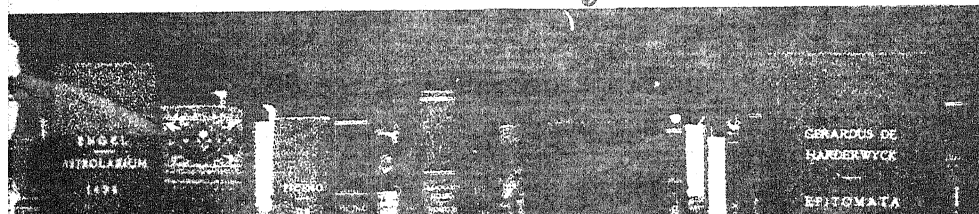




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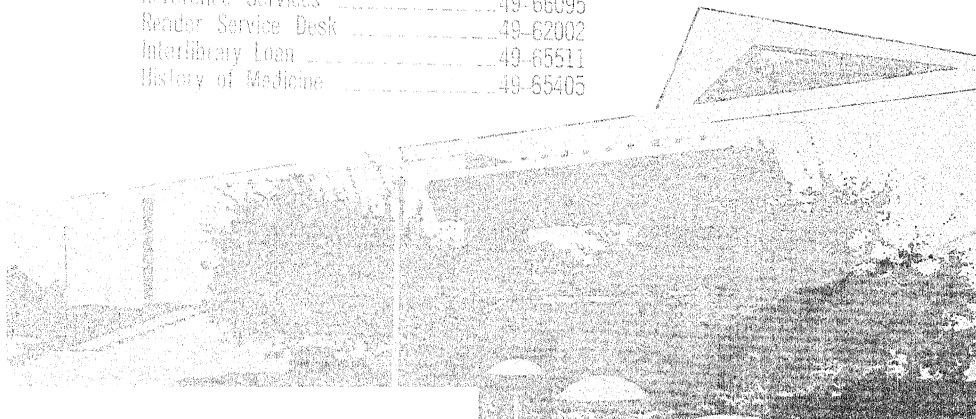


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The National Library of Medicine is the world's largest research library in a single scientific and professional field. The Library's holdings total nearly 1,300,000 books, journals, theses, pamphlets, prints, and microfilms. More than 70 languages are represented in the collection.

Holdings in the literature of biomedical and related sciences include: 315,000 monographs, 310,000 bound journal volumes, 285,000 theses, 168,000 pamphlets, 4,500 reels of microfilm, and 60,000 portraits and illustrations. About 18,000 serial titles are received each year.

Materials are collected exhaustively in some 40 biomedical areas and, to a lesser degree, in a number of related subject areas such as general chemistry, physics, zoology, botany, psychology, and instrumentation. The Library acquires new material at the rate of approximately 90,000 items a year.

HOURS OF PUBLIC SERVICE***MAIN READING ROOM**

Monday through Friday ----- 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Saturday ----- 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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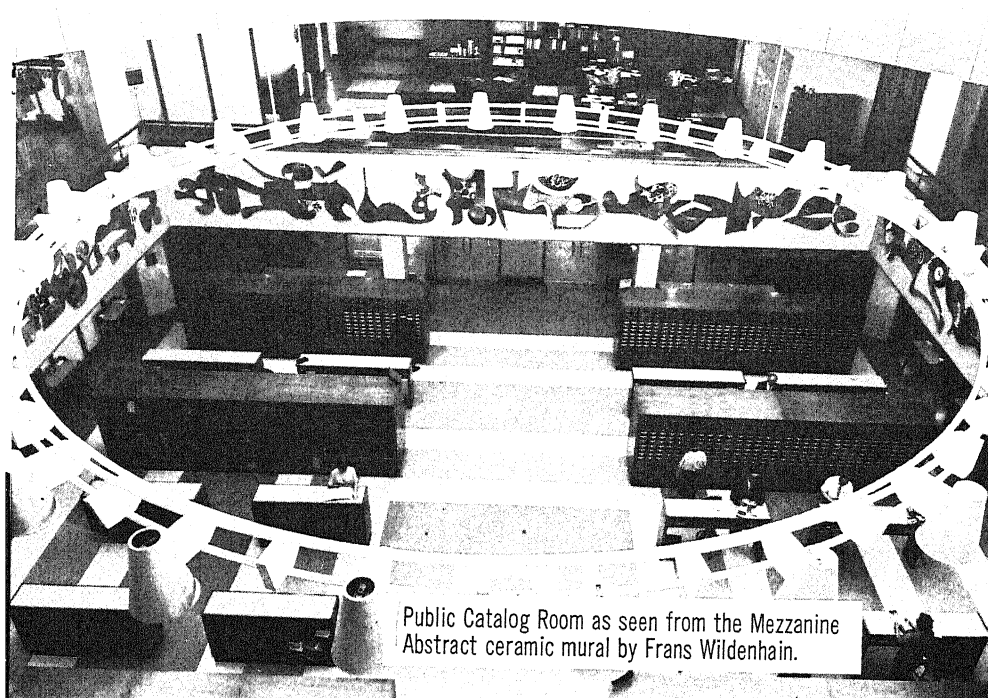
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BUILDING TOURSMonday through Friday at 3:00 p.m. For special arrangements,
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* The Library is closed on National Holidays.

View of Main Reading Room





Public Catalog Room as seen from the Mezzanine
Abstract ceramic mural by Frans Wildenhain.

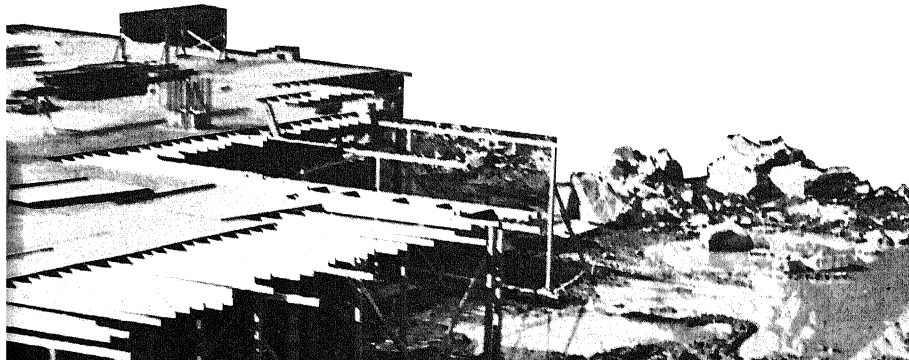
NATIONAL LIBRARY OF MEDICINE

Bethesda, Maryland

Contract awarded June 1959. Building occupied April 1962.

Construction contract awarded at	-----	\$4,370,000
Elevator contract awarded at	-----	94,988
Stack contract awarded at	-----	172,377
Contract cost*	-----	<u>4,637,365</u>

* Does not include cost of furniture,
general equipment, art work, or landscaping.



----- 231,855 Cost per sq. ft. ----- \$20.01
----- 3,187,476 Cost per cu. ft. ----- 1.45

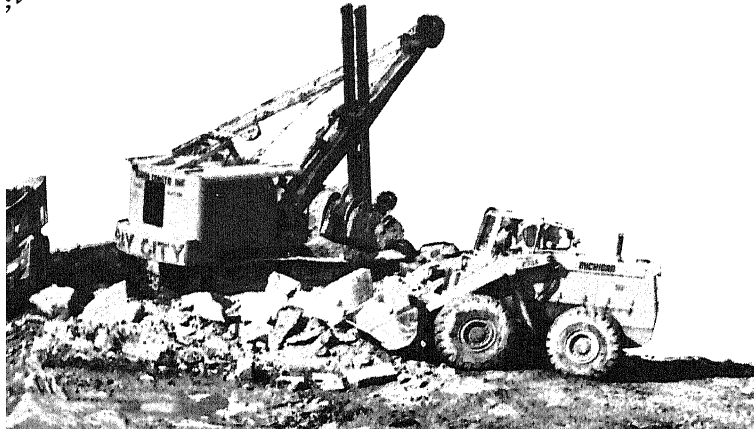
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ity: 1,162,000 volumes

wers: 4550 @ 1000 cards

city: 200 readers (excl. of staff areas)

staff positions: 397 (auth. 1967)



- 6 Overall dimensions: 276' 4" x 192' 10"
Modular column spacing: 21' 0" x 21' 1"
Floor to ceiling heights: C Level—8' 6"; B Level—8' 6";
A Level—9' 0";
First Floor—9' 9" and 14' 0";
Mezzanine—9' 8"

Structural frame: Reinforced concrete—below grade; Steel—above grade

Exterior walls: Indiana Limestone, granite and marble trim

Interior walls: Painted cinder block, plaster, wood panelling,
plastic wall covering in various locations

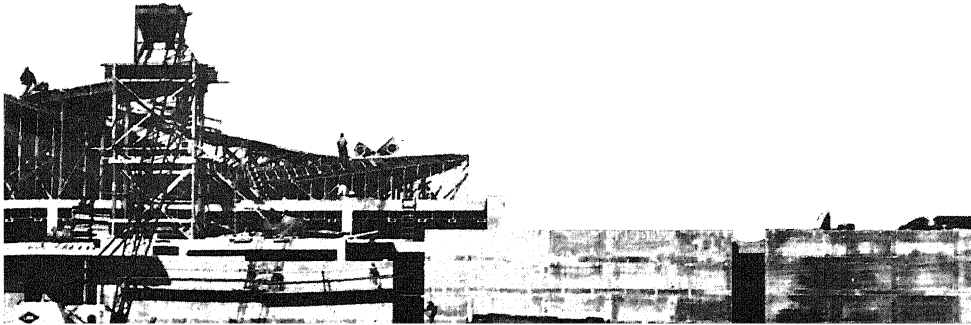


Floors: Vinyl-asbestos in stack areas
rubber in special public areas
oak and walnut in History of Medicine Reading Room
terrazzo in lobby
ceramic tile in toilet rooms

Ceilings: Mineral acoustic tile in general except in stack areas

Stacks: Metal bracket type stacks, 10" shelves

Illumination: Fluorescent
mercury vapor in Public Catalog area



- 8 Air conditioning: Entire building—low and high velocity system;
zone controlled, fully automatic summer-winter, day-night control;
24-hour system in History of Medicine

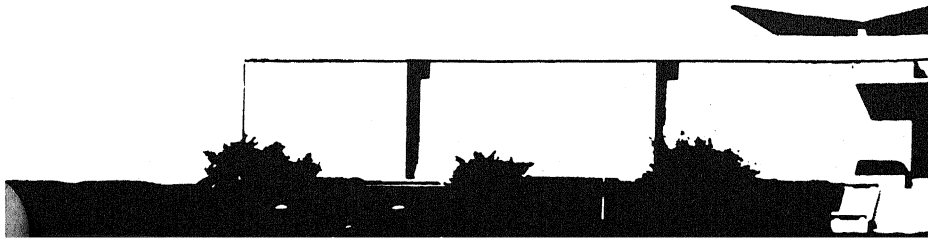
Heating: Low pressure steam

Elevators: Oilraulic

Entrance panel: Swenson Green

Cornice and base: Mount Airy Granite

Panels at windows: Imperial Danby Marble



Lobby walls: Granox Golden Buff Marble

Columns in Public Catalog Room: Cliffdale and Imperial Danby Marble

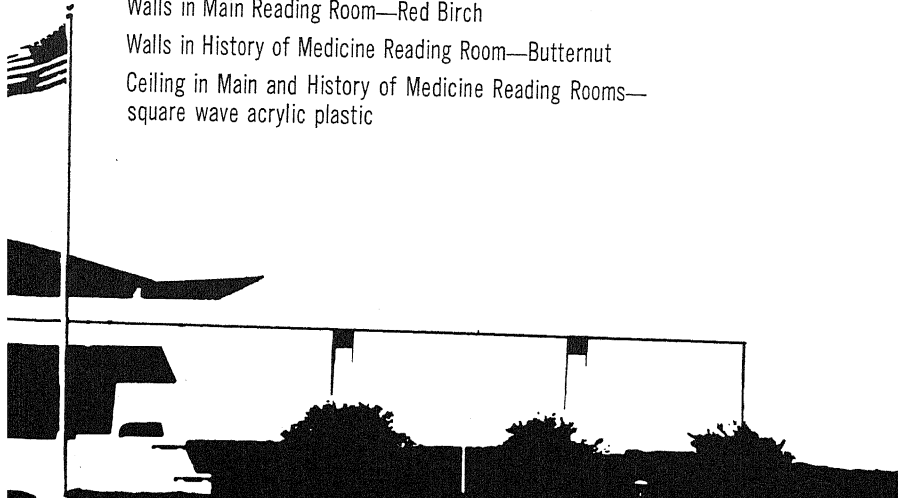
Columns in Main Reading Room—Maryland Verde Antique & Cliffdale Marble

Walls in Public Catalog Room—Walnut

Walls in Main Reading Room—Red Birch

Walls in History of Medicine Reading Room—Butternut

Ceiling in Main and History of Medicine Reading Rooms—
square wave acrylic plastic



Architects: O'CONNOR and KILHAM; Project Manager, R. M. BEDER

Consultants: KEYES D. METCALF, Library Consultant
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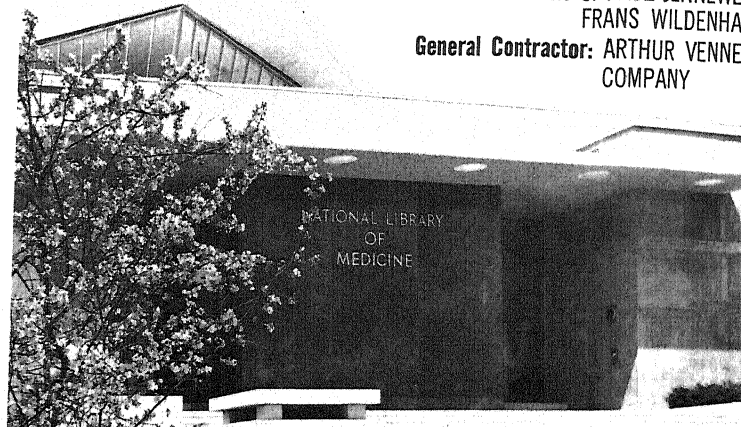
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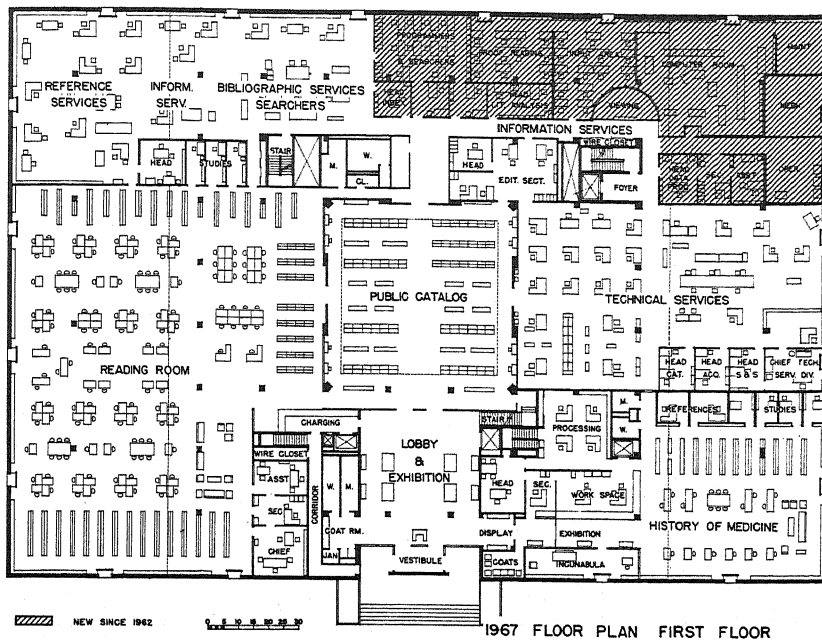
JEANNETTE MINTURN, Landscape Architect

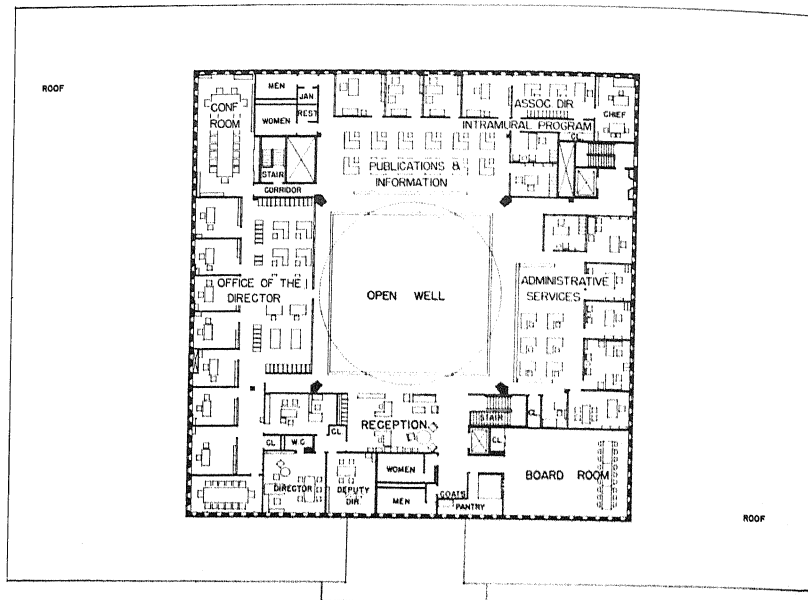
Artists: C. PAUL JENNEWEIN

FRANS WILDENHAIN

General Contractor: ARTHUR VENNERRI
COMPANY

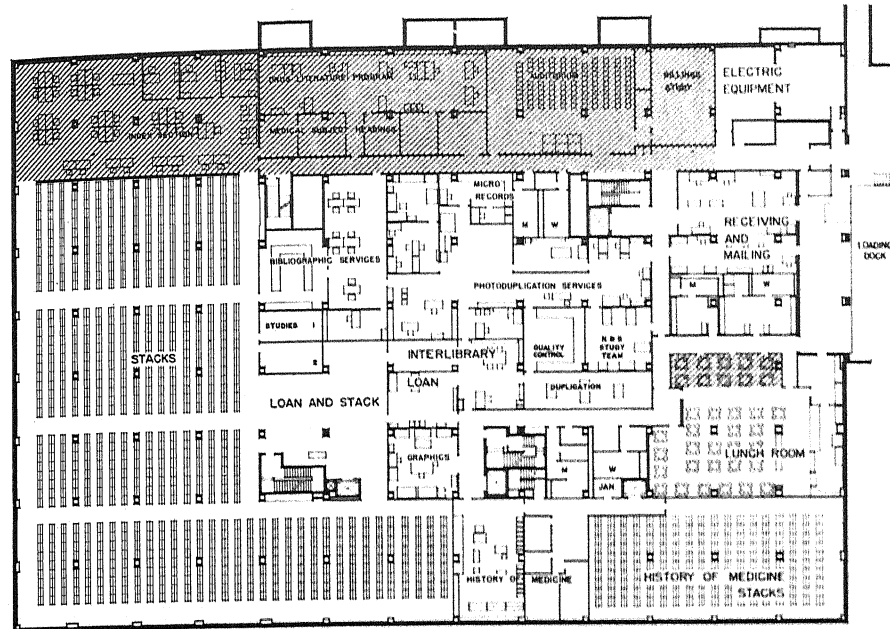




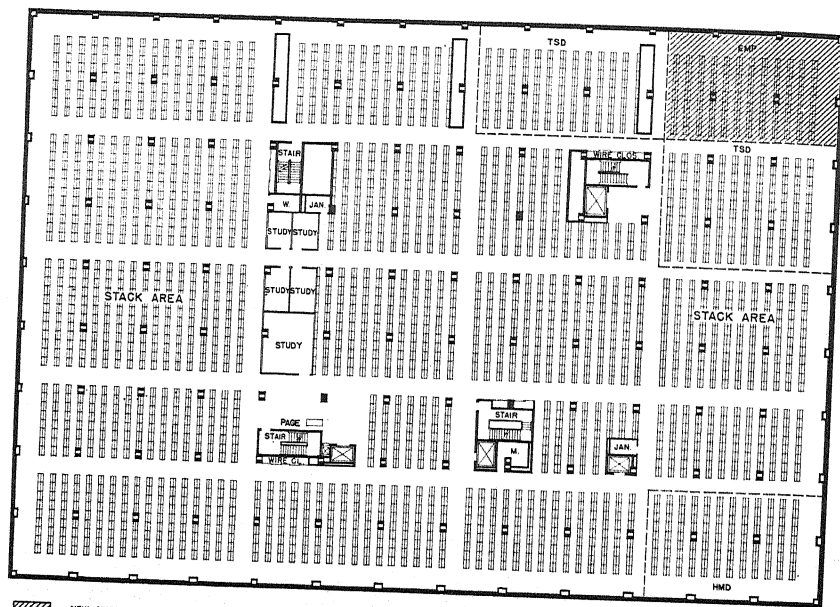


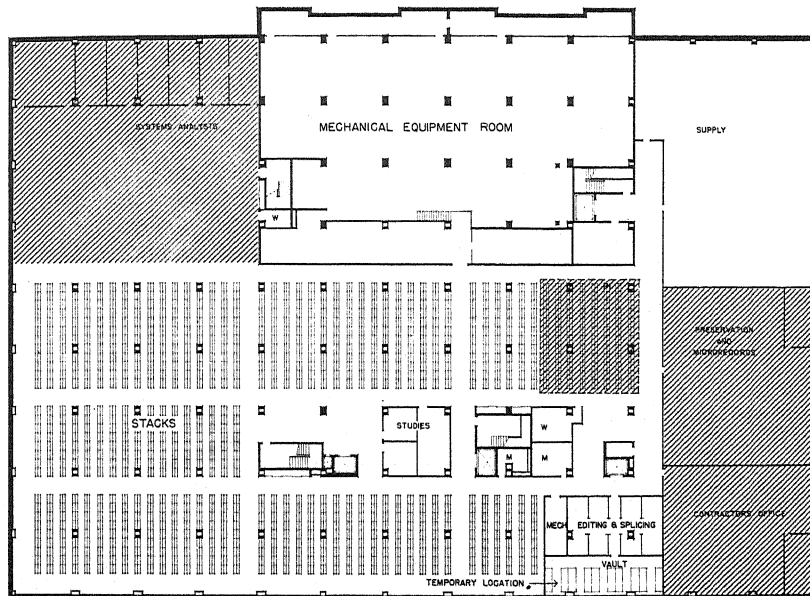
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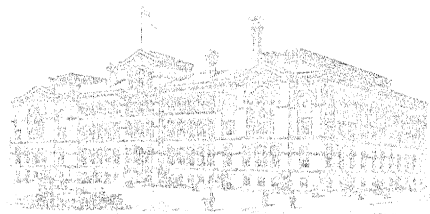
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FORMER LIBRARY BUILDING

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